



BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET

Mayoral By-Election

17 FEBRUARY 2018

GENERAL

As a result of the recent resignation of the Mayor of Kaipara District Council, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred, and a by-election is now required to fill the vacancy.

The by-election will be held by postal vote on **Saturday 17 February 2018**. It will be conducted, using the Single Transferable Voting electoral system, under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, and will be undertaken by Independent Election Services Ltd, under contract to Kaipara District Council.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the vacancy open on **Friday 24 November 2017** and close at **noon** on **Friday 22 December 2017**.

Nomination papers will available from:

- Council's Main Office, 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville;
- Council's Mangawhai Service Centre, Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai;
- the electoral office (Election Services, Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland);
- by accessing www.kaipara.govt.nz;
- by telephoning 0800 922 822 where one will be posted out.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate **must** be:

- a New Zealand citizen by birth or naturalisation ceremony; **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); **and**
- nominated by two people electors whose names appear on the electoral roll in the Kaipara District Council area.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote in the Mayoral by-election are all resident and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the Preliminary Electoral Roll for the Kaipara District Council Mayoral by-election. The Preliminary Electoral Roll is available for public inspection from **Friday 24 November 2017** to **Friday 22 December 2017** at the above-mentioned Council offices.

VOTING PERIOD

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting documents will be posted to all eligible electors from **Friday 26 January 2018**.

The three week voting period is Friday 26 January 2018 to noon on Saturday 17 February 2018. Electors may post their completed voting document back to the electoral officer using a pre-paid envelope sent with the voting document.

A polling place for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available over the voting period from the following locations:

- Council's Main Office, 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville;
- Council's Mangawhai Service Centre, Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai;
- by phoning 0800 922 822, where one will be posted out.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official, by **noon** on **Saturday 17 February 2018**.

Preliminary results will be known as soon as they are available after the close of voting on by-election day, and final results (including approved special votes) will be available on Monday 19 February 2017. All results will be accessible on Council's website (www.kaipara.govt.nz).

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